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SUBJECT: US- PRC EXCHANGES: SWIMMING AND BASKETBALL TEAMS

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1. DURING CALL AT PRC EMBASSY APRIL 11, COUNSELOR TS' AO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT PRC WELCOMES VISIT TO CHINA BY AMERICAN MEN' S AND WOMEN' S AMATEUR BASKETBALL TEAMS BEGINNING MAY 20 FOR A STAY OF TWO WEEKS. SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM IS INVITED TO VISIT CHINA DURING FIRST TEN DAYS IN JUNE. TS' AO ASKED THAT U. S. SIDE PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NAMELISTS FOR TEAMS ALONG WITH USUAL PASSPORT DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT IN OUR DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT APRIL 9 (REFTEL) U. S. SIDE HAD SUGGESTED THAT DATES FOR THESE TWO VISITS MIGHT BE SWITCHED IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY SENDING COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM PRIOR TO EARLY JUNE. TS' AO AGREED WITH EMBOFF' S COMMENT THAT TWO SIDES' PROPOSALS ON THESE EXCHANGES MAY HAVE CROSSED BUT HE OBVIOUSLY FOLLOWING HIS INSTRUCTIONS AS RECEIVED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THESE ECHANGES BEING DISCUSSED BETWEEN NCUSCR AND PRC UN MISSION AND HIS MESSAGE FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY.
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